Levy of water charge for lands irrigated by jungle streams in the Rayadrug taluk.

* 39 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether lands irrigated by the aid of jungle streams in the village of Mechiri, Rayadrug taluk, Bellary district, were charged water-rates this year contrary to the practice obtaining hithereto, namely, of levying no charge for such irrigation; and, if so, why?

A.—The Government have not the information but have called for a report.

Permission for additional irrigation from Elandaikulam tank of lands under the ayacut of Nathiyunni channel.

* 40 *Q.*—Mr. M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what extent and percentage in Nathiyunni channel ayacut has been permitted additional irrigation from Elandaikulam tank in Brahmadesam, Ambasamudram taluk, Tinnevelly district;

(*b*) on what ground such extra facilities were provided when Nathiyunni ayacut is classed in first class source of irrigation;

(*c*) whether this concession was abused;

(*d*) where the drainage and excess of water in the special area go to;

(*e*) whether landholders adjoining this specially permitted area in Nathiyunni ayacut have been served with notices asking them to refrain from using the water from Elandaikulam tank;

(*f*) whether landholders resort to utilize Elandaikulam tank water from failure of supply in the Nathiyunni channel;

(*g*) whether this concession was ordered after the last settlement;

(*h*) whether protests have been made against this concession as being a source of trouble to Nathiyunni ayacut and Kakanallur channel ayacut landholders and what action has been taken regarding the same; and

(*i*) whether any inspection has been made by the Revenue Officers and whether they have advised cancellation of the special privileges and on what grounds?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*i*) The Government have not the information but have called for a report.

Increase to the ayacut under the Kakanallur channel in the Tinnevelly district.

* 41 *Q.*—Mr. M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the area irrigated by Kakanallur channel in Brahmadesam village, Ambasamudram taluk, Tinnevelly district, is according to the last settlement;

(*b*) whether any increase has been made in the ayacut area and to what extent;